

5th February 1925]

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—"I shall take note of the feelings expressed by particular Members of this hon. House."

Mr. M. RATNASWAMI :—"Will you kindly convey our views to the members of the particular Committee?"

Civil Justice.

Arrears in the High Court.

* 164 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the reasons why he has not yet issued any communiqué regarding the state of arrears in the High Court necessitating the increase in its strength and whether the Government propose to issue any such communiqué and if so, when?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to clauses (a) and (b) of question No. 1354 asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held in December 1924.

Criminal Justice.

Disposal of cases by the Additional Sessions Judge for the Agency Tracts.

* 165 Q.—Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Law Member 11-30 a.m. be pleased to state—

(a) the number of cases disposed of by the Additional Sessions Judge for the Agency Tracts in 1923-24 and from April 1924 to January 1925 ;

(b) the place where he holds the sessions ;

(c) whether in addition to the sessions work any other work is done by him and if so, the nature thereof ;

(d) whether it is intended to make provision in the budget for 1925-26 for the continuance of this office ;

(e) whether the work now done by the Agency Additional Sessions Judge cannot be divided between the Sessions Judge and Assistant Sessions Judge of Vizagapatam having regard to their file ;

(f) whether for a few months in 1924, the Agency Additional Sessions Judge, Mr. L. H. Arndt, I.C.S., was in addition to his duties in charge of the Vizagapatam Sessions division when the Judge of that division was on leave ;

(g) the number of Sessions cases disposed of in 1923-24 and from April 1924 to December 1924 by the Sessions Judge and Assistant Sessions Judge of Vizagapatam, respectively ; and

(h) whether there is a proposal to abolish the post of the Agency Additional Sessions Judge ?

A.—(a) Statistics for these particular periods have not been collected.

(b) The Additional Sessions Judge is a touring officer and may hold his court in or near any of the Agency Sessions divisions as the convenience of the parties, witnesses and police require.

(c) He does not attend to any other work.

(d) Provision has been made for five months in 1925-26.

(e) No. It cannot be done without detriment to their other duties.

(f) Yes.

(g) There is no information.

(h) No.